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Workers laid-off in Santa Cruz County will receive career assistance services from \$178,574 grant

SACRAMENTO – The Santa Cruz County Workforce Investment Board (WIB) has received a \$178,574 Workforce Investment Act grant to provide a variety of career counseling and job services for 33 workers laid-off from their jobs in Santa Cruz County.

“This grant will provide services that address the special needs of these workers,” said Patrick Henning, director of the state Employment Development Department (EDD). “They will receive both job search services and the retraining necessary to compete for high-quality jobs in growing industries.”

With the funding from this grant, the Santa Cruz County WIB will offer career counseling, job search assistance, and retraining for these laid-off workers through June 30, 2008.

These services will be provided with Workforce Investment Act funds drawn from the Governor’s 25 Percent portion of dislocated worker funds from Title I of the federal Workforce Investment Act. The California Labor & Workforce Development Agency’s Employment Development Department exercises oversight authority for the funds.

For more information about these services, please contact the Santa Cruz County WIB at (831) 454-4585.

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